SENATORS MARKEY, BALDWIN ANNOUNCE RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL AS EARTH MONTH

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The following information was released by Massachusetts Senator Edward J. Markey:

Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), co-author of the Green New Deal resolution and member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, and Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.) today announced the Earth Month resolution to recognize the importance of environmental stewardship and climate action. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.) cosponsors the resolution.

"Planet Earth is our home. Now more than ever, we need stewardship of our home. As the Trump administration is targeting environmental safeguards that ensure we have a livable future, I am doubling down on my commitment to fight back and uplift efforts that promote environmental stewardship and spur even more climate action. Earth Day is our moment to recommit and expand our movement for a just and livable future a future with clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and clean land on which to live,"said Senator Markey. "We know environmental pollution and the climate crisis do not affect us all equally. That is why environmental stewardship and climate action must center the most marginalized communities, particularly Black and Indigenous communities who have been overburdened with pollution and the harms of climate change. Using the tenets of a Green New Deal fighting for environmental justice and climate action while creating good-paying union jobs we can work together toward a livable future every day, but especially during Earth Month."

"From the Great Lakes and the rolling hills of the Driftless Region, to the Great Northwoods and Mighty Mississippi, Wisconsin is rich with natural resources that have defined our state and way of life. I'm proud to carry on Wisconsin's tradition of environmental stewardship and recognize Earth Month as we all do our part to protect and preserve Wisconsin's wilderness and resources for the next generation,"said Senator Baldwin.

"We proudly support Senators Markey's and Baldwin's Earth Month resolution as a vital affirmation of our collective responsibility to protect Mother Earth and the communities most impacted by environmental injustice. At a time when climate change is both accelerating and the solutions to it are being actively undermined, Congressional recognition of Earth Month sends a powerful message: that bold, equitable, and community-led climate action is not only necessary it is the only thing that will solve the problem for us all,"said KD Chavez, Executive Director of the Climate Justice Alliance.

"Since it was first observed in 1970, Earth Day has successfully provided countless Americans with an opportunity to reflect on the shared responsibility we have to preserve the beauty of our planet. The designation of Earth Month would help get and keep people engaged for more than just one day, as we rededicate ourselves to doing all we can to explore, enjoy, and protect our environment year round. Together, we can protect our lands, clean air, and clean water to ensure a livable planet for future generations. We're incredibly thankful for the efforts of Senator

Markey, a true champion in the fight to combat climate change and protect America's wild places,"said Ben Jealous, Executive Director of the Sierra Club.

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